

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 965

Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson

February 22, 2007

An act to amend Section 7250 of, and to repeal and add Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 7350) to Part 3 of Division 7 of, the Elections Code, relating to political party organization.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 965, as introduced, Anderson. California Republican Party: organization.

Existing law establishes the political party organization of the Republican Party of California with respect to the membership of the state central committee, the use of proxies, and the general business of the committee.

This bill would instead specify that the party is the "California Republican Party" and would repeal those provisions applicable to the state central committee and instead require that the membership of delegates to the state central committee, the procedures for notification of members of appointments, the use proxies, and the form of appointment of delegate members be as set forth in the standing rules and bylaws of the California Republican Party. The bill would also require the California Republican Party to maintain a current copy of its standing rules and bylaws for public inspection on the Internet.

The bill would also require that the officers, methods of electing officers, terms of officers, quorum requirements for meetings of the state central committee and procedures for the conduct of committee proceedings and adoption of a state party platform be as set forth in the standing rules and bylaws of the California Republican Party.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 7250 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:

3 7250. This part shall apply to the organization, operation, and
4 function of that political party known as the *California* Republican
5 Party of California.

6 SEC. 2. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 7350) of Part 3
7 of Division 7 of the Elections Code is repealed.

8 SEC. 3. Chapter 3 (commencing with Section 7350) is added
9 to Part 3 of Division 7 of the Elections Code, to read:

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11 CHAPTER 3. STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
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13 7350. The membership of delegates to the state central
14 committee, procedures for notification of members of
15 appointments, proxy provisions, and form of appointment of
16 delegate members shall be as set forth in the standing rules and
17 bylaws of the California Republican Party. The California
18 Republican Party shall maintain a current copy of its standing rules
19 and bylaws for public inspection on the Internet.

20 7352. The officers, methods of electing officers, terms of
21 officers, quorum requirements for meetings of the state central
22 committee and procedures for the conduct of committee
23 proceedings and adoption of a state party platform shall be as set
24 forth in the standing rules and bylaws of the California Republican
25 Party.

26 7353. The state central committee shall conduct party
27 campaigns for the party and on behalf of the candidates of the
28 party. It shall appoint committees and appoint and employ
29 campaign directors and perfect whatever campaign organizations
30 it deems suitable or desirable and for the best interest of the party.

31 7354. (a) The state central committee may prohibit or limit
32 the power of county central committees established pursuant to
33 Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 7400) to endorse, support,
34 or oppose any candidate for nomination by the California
35 Republican Party for partisan office in the direct primary election.

1 (b) The superior court, in any case brought before it by the state
2 central committee or by any registered voter, may issue a temporary
3 or permanent restraining order or injunction to prohibit the
4 endorsement, support, or opposition by a county central committee
5 of any candidate for nomination by the California Republican Party
6 for partisan office in the direct primary election, if the endorsement,
7 support, or opposition is in violation of the bylaws or rules of the
8 state central committee. All cases of this nature shall be in a
9 preferred position for purposes of trial and appeal, so as to ensure
10 the speedy disposition thereof.

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